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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN TRAVEL TO NEW YORK

REF: MOSCOW 4480

1. ROK COUNSELOR S.Y. LEE HAS REPORTED TO USUN MISOFF
THAT SOUTH KOREANS OBSERVED TWO NORTH KOREANS ARRIVING AT
JFK AIRPORT ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24 FROM MOSCOW ABOARD THE
PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT. ACCORDING LEE, ALL NORTH KOREANS
HITHERTO OBSERVED ARRIVING AT NEW YORK FROM MOSCOW BY ROK
REPRESENTATIVES HAD TRAVELLED ABOARD AEROFLOT. ADDITIONALLY,
SOUTH KOREANS BELIEVED THAT THE TWO NORTH KOREANS ARRIVING
FROM MOSCOW WERE "IMPORTANT" PEOPLE JUDGING FROM THE GREETING
EXTENDED THEM BY MEMBERS OF DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE. DPRK
WELCOMING PARTY INCLUDED DPRK MINISTER KIM HYONG IK.

2. COMMENT: OUR RECENT CABLE FILE (E.G., REFTEL) REGARDING VISAS FOR NORTH KOREANS INCLUDES REQUESTS ONLY FOR VISAS FOR MEMBERS DPRK OBSERVER OFFICE AND FOR A PRESS CORRESPONDENT WHO ARE FAMILIAR TO ROK OBSERVER OFFICE. ROK OBSERVER OFFICE INTERESTED IN IDENTITY OF REPORTED TRAVELLERS AS WELL AS IN FACT THEY TRAVELLED ON US FLAG AIRLINE. ROK REPRESENTATIVES EVIDENTLY ON ALERT REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL NORTH KOREAN TRAVEL TO OR TRANSITING THE US. LEONARD

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